ഭവിക്കേണ്ടിവരുന്നുണ്ടെന്ന സംഗതി ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടി യിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഇല്ലാത്തപക്ഷം ഉടനെതന്നെ ഒരു സ്ഥലം പണിയ്ക്ക് ആ കഷ്ട പ്പാടിനു പരിഹാരമുണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ:

(എ) ഉവ്വ്.

(ബി) വേണ്ട സൌകര്യം ചെയ്യേണ്ട സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ശ്രദ്ധിക്കു ന്നുണ്ട്.

SHANMUKHAM CANAL—EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

218. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total capital expenditure on the Shanmukham Canal till now;

(*b*) what is the yearly expenditure on the up-keep of the canal and what is the total net income derived from the canal up till now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The total capital expenditure till now amounts to Rs. 1,98,500-5-2 against the estimated cost of Rs. 2,20,000.

(*b*) The expenditure for removing slips of earth into the canal for the next two or three years will be of the order of about Rs. 6,000 per year till the canal becomes stabilised. The receipts are expected to be increased after a few years. The establishment charges including Edavam 1116 come to Rs. 283-2-0 and the receipts amount to Rs. 956-3-0.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* As it now stands this canal is wanted by none and rejected by all. Will the Government, therefore, consider the advisability of filling up the canal?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The member is on wrong premise.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the security for the return of this money or the interest on it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There is a certain agreement with the Irinjalakkuda Municipality.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Have they realised any interest?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* On such large works it is not possible to expect interest on capital as soon as they are complete. Time should be given to give the chance for the canal to become popular. In 3 or 4 years that canal will be one of the most important canals of navigation.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My question is not about the usefulness of the canal. Have you any security for the interest on the money or the return of the capital?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* When the scheme was taken up, the Government thought that security was ample.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the security?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Usefulness of the canal.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Has the Municipality of Irinjalakkuda agreed to pay a certain rate of interest?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Has the Municipality been paying it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is only one year since the canal has been dug. The canal is not stabilised.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is the canal navigable now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is not sufficiently navigable just at present. On account of the heavy rains there have been some slips and we are removing them.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* May I know what is the amount of acquisition charges?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is a very large figure.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Are these lands lying vacant?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Except the lands which are used by the canal and its bunds, it is 25 acres.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* There are very many acres lying vacant outside.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon*(Chief Engineer):* Government are now preparing a scheme for selling these lands.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Have they handed over those lands to the Municipality?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Is it fair on the part of the Government to sell away lands for which the Municipality has to pay?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* When the lands are sold, it becomes an abatement of charge to the Municipality.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Who is taking the receipts, the Government or the Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Government.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Is the rate fixed by Government higher than what is suggested by the Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I think so.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Who is collecting it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Government are collecting it.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* What is the function which the Municipality has to do with respect to the payment of amount to the Government with regard to this Canal?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* As I said it is only one year since the canal work has been completed, and Government have to collect details to decide what probably is the best rate to be charged. Now, it is only in an experimental stage. We have to fix the rate after considering all the aspects.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* So, am I to take that until that period Government will not insist on the Municipality to pay anything towards this canal?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We cannot say definitely. The Municipality has agreed to pay 4% interest on the capital value. Government think that the time has not come to enforce this clause on the Municipality. The moment the Government think that the time has come they will enforce it upon the Municipality, because it is at their request and on that condition that the canal was undertaken.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* So the Government think that the time has not yet come?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Not as yet. The moment Government think so, they will do so.

മിസ്റ്റർ പുത്തൂർ അച്യുതമേനോൻ: ഈ തോടിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയും ഗവണ്മെണ്ടുംകൂടി വല്ല കരാറും ഉണ്ടോ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: ഉണ്ട്.

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മിസ്റ്റർ പുത്തൂർ അച്യുതമേനോൻ : അതിൽ ഇന്നാപ്രകാരത്തിലുള്ള തോടാണെന്ന വ്യവസ്ഥ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ : അതിന് എല്ല ചിലവു വരുന്നുവോ അതിന്റെ ര് ശതമാനം കൊടുക്കും.

മിസ്റ്റർ പുത്തൂർ അച്യുതമേനോൻ : ആ തോടിന്റെ നീളം, വീതി, വിസ്തീർണ്ണം മുതലായവയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു കരാർ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ; ഇന്ന സ്ഥലംവരെ എത്തണം എന്നുള്ളതെല്ലാം കാണിച്ചിട്ടില്ലേ ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There has not been much variation in the actual execution from the sanctioned estimates.

മിസ്റ്റർ പുത്തൂർ അച്യുതമേനോൻ : മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയും ഗവൺമെണ്ടുംകൂടി കരാർ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In a length of four and odd miles in the sanctioned places all except one furlong has been done. That was because of the fact that when the canal was dug we met with hard granite rock in the last reaches and we thought that the expenditure for deepening that one furlong of this rocky ground will not be commensurate with the advantages that will be derived.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Was not a plan given by the Government regarding this canal to the Municipality ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* A plan was prepared at the time of sanctioning the estimate.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Has the canal been sunk according to the plan ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is according to the plan, except in length which has to be reduced by one furlong.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know whether the canal is in accord with the plan, as to its length, width, etc. ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Has the Municipality ever complained that the canal is not according to the plan ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Not to my knowledge.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is the Government aware that the rates now charged are excessive ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is a matter of opinion. I do not think that the rates are excessive, provided the canal is working properly. In fixing these rates what we thought was to take into account the existing cost for transport of

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articles from the nearest place—the Kakathuruthi landing—compared with that cost the rates will not be found to be excessive.

Mr. President: Do you want me to go on with questions for fifteen minutes more, because we took about fifteen minutes for the yesterday's questions?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Yes, Sir.

Mr. President: I will give you time for supplementary questions till 12-15.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* We want some more time, because some principles are involved in some of the questions yet to be answered.

Mr. President: Do you want time till one o' clock?

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* In that case those who have sent in cut motions may object.

Mr. President: I want to know how much time the House wants?

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* There are some important cut motions and I think we will be doing injustice to those cut motions if we go on with questions for a long time.

Mr. President: So I think the general sense of the House is that we shall stop this item at 12-15.

The House Agreed

ERNAKULAM-EDAPPILLI ROAD—MAINTENANCE WORK—COMPLAINT REGARDING

219. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any repairs or metalling was undertaken in 1116 by the Department of Public Works in the Ernakulam-Edappilli road;

(*b*) if so, how was the works executed; whether it was executed departmentally or through contractor;

(*c*) if through contractor, who was the contractor, and for what amount was the work entrusted with him;

(*d*) whether any officer of the Public Works Department has supervised the work at the time when the contractor was executing the work;

(*e*) if answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative, the name of the officer or officers who supervised the work;

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